AF  
JF

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL  
FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

9

Application Number	10/044,019
Filing Date	January 11, 2002
First Named Inventor	Partha Bhattacharya
Art Unit	2131
Examiner Name	Aravind K. Moorthy

Attorney Docket Number 50325-0629

## ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please Identify below): Return receipt postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks		
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account Number 50-1302 Deposit Account Name: Hickman Palermo Truong & Becker LLP		

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Hickman Palermo Truong & Becker LLP		
Signature			
Printed name	Xichong Gu		
Date	December 29, 2006	Reg. No.	56,543

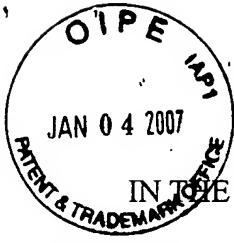
## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MS AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Martina Placid	Date	December 29, 2006

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Seq. No. 4830



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Confirmation No. 8175

Partha Bhattacharya, et al.

Examiner: Aravind K. Moorthy

Serial No.: 10/044,019

Group Art Unit No.: 2131

Filed on: January 11, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
COMPARING ACCESS CONTROL LISTS  
FOR CONFIGURING A SECURITY POLICY  
ON A NETWORK

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION--EXPEDITED AFTER FINAL PRACTICE (37 CFR 1.116)

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 31, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

on 12/29/06 by Martina Placid  
Martina Placid